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Presidential Candidates.

We regret to inform our readers just now of the part of many journalists and politicians to the cause of military men in connection with the Presidential nominations. For this the Radicals may justly be held responsible. Aware of the waning power of their party, instead of uniting to sustain the cause in the hope that his military popularity will cast a glamour over the people that will render them insensible to the enormities of Radicalism. Respective to this movement, Democrats get themselves ready to checkmate it by advocating for the Democratic nomination another military man of still greater popularity.

Now all this, we say, is to be regretted, and we trust that the sober second thought of men of both parties will show them the impropriety of insisting upon military nominations. The Radicals must see that they cannot possibly gain anything by making a military choice in the year to come when even a general will be in all probability followed by the nomination of some distinguished general on the part of the Democrats.

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General Sherman's Speech.

Elsewhere we publish an extract from Gen. Sherman's late *Speech*. Although this is not the place to discuss it, it is evident that the speaker does not coincide with the Democratic party in the way to restore constitutional government over all parts of the Union, yet we are free to confess that there is a tone pervading the remarks which we do not like. We were not prepared to hear such a speech, and the people of the South, the Southern people in the main, were not.

The speaker, in his opinion, did not coincide with the general at the conclusion of that war made the just and equitable treaty with Gen. Johnston. We know that the course of Sherman's march through the South was marked by rains and desolation, but we do not like the man capable of bringing into a time of peace anything like sectionalism or autonomy.

Gen. Sherman is evidently a great deal better soldier than politician. We do not propose to enter into an argument for the purpose of showing, as we might easily do, that what he did was right and what was wrong. The speaker against him is equally strong.

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The Reconstruction Conventions.

The first of the conventions provided for by the reconstruction act has been session at Montgomery, Ala., since the 5th instant. That convention, according to the Radical plan, devotes the grave duty of framing for the great State of Alabama a constitution which shall not be taken out of place in the Union.

Constitution-making has ever been regarded as an affair requiring all the wisdom and experience that could be made available. When the Romans were preparing their Twelve Tables, they sat down and wrote them in the earth, but obliged them to go through all the cities of Greece to study the various systems of government there. When Magna Charta was wrested from King John, it was done by the abject and base men of England. When the Constitution of the United States was framed, such statesmen as Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe were assigned the task. In the formation of the respective State governments heretofore, the same rule has invariably been observed. Common sense and a proper regard for the public welfare, in all ages, taught men that none but the able and discreet should be intrusted with the grave and responsible duty of making for the people an accurate law.

The Radicals, however, in their boasted progress, have discarded all such old-fogy notions.

The reconstruction measure is the embodiment of Radical policy, and it practically constitutes a new and startling departure in the history of the country.

Our members have been in the field of politics, and our friends in the ranks of the Radicals, and we believe that they will take a gander at the Alabama Convention. That is a type of what every one of these conventions will be, for the reconstruction acts are so framed, and the agencies for carrying them out so organized, that it will be the task of all other men to be the Almighty, and we possess a diamond in the rough.

What say you now? Some may think, "Well, we're not so bad." Men like that, however, are not to be trifled with.

They are in the Alabama Convention eight-four members. Of these sixteen are negroes, and the greater part of the rest Northerners, many of whom are, or have been, in one shape or another, attachés of the Freedmen's Bureau. That is the size of the delegation of Alabama represented, and, indeed, the delegates are not to be trifled with.

Gov. Stevenson is on his way to the convention, and he is to be the Radical's best man, and the politicians have nothing to do with him.

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